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INTRODUCTION OF FASTEST TRAIN BETWEEN DELHI AND AGRA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to introduce the country`s fastest train between Delhi and Agra;

(b) if so, whether all the safety measures have been completed;

(c) the time by which the said train is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether the Railways have any proposal for running such trains on other routes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. It was contemplated to introduce the country`s fastest train(up to 150kmph) between Delhi and Agra subject to availability of resources and operational feasibility.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The track and signaling system, available on the section is adequate to run such a train. However, the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety(CCRS) has drawn attention to some issues like provision of fencing throughout to prevent cattle straying on to track, train protection and warning system as an additional measure to prevent a driver passing signal at danger, provision of frills on lifting barrier at level crossing gates as an additional measure to prevent entry of road users in a closed gate, Ultrasonic Flaw Detection(USFD) of rails by Self Propelled Ultrasonic Rail testing(SPURT) car in addition to manual testing etc. Action has been taken to satisfactorily address all these issues, before the train is introduced.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Railways have plans to introduce passenger trains at 150 kmph on Howrah-Patna-Delhi and Delhi-Chennai Sections.